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Military Information from Neubrandenburg

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DATE OF CONTENT 17 May to 4 June 1952

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26 June 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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On 26 May 1952, the engineer unit vacated the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg (N Sh/0 66). It was unusual that the tank unit conducted driving practice only at night. Field fortifications for close defense were established around the barracks installation. 25X1X

Documents found at the Panzer Kaserne on 17 May 1952 included:

a. An envelope addressed to a soldier [REDACTED] postmarked 3 January 1952, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed from Moscow. 25X1B
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b. A fragment of a training manual on tank parts and containing notes on radio technics and the order of exchange of radio messages with tank and mechanized troops of the Soviet Army of 1949. [REDACTED] is mentioned at the end of the schedule. (2) 25X1B

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2. On 26 May, 20 trucks with pontoon, 1 truck with hoisting gear, 2 trucks with motorbikes and 10 other trucks were loaded on the spur track of the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the train departed at 3:15 p.m. the same day toward Leustrelitz

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On 4 June, six JS tanks from the Panzer Kaserne were loaded at the Neubrandenburg-Scuth railroad station. The officer supervising the loading had arrived in sedan [REDACTED] (1) 25X1B

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4. Documents found in the Panzer Kaserne, Neubrandenburg, in May 1952 included:

a. An envelope addressed to a soldier [REDACTED] postmarked 3 April 1952, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] stamped [REDACTED] and written by a soldier [REDACTED] from the Isuriya railroad station, Chita Oblast, Transbaikal RD. 25X1B
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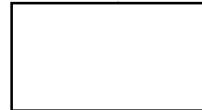
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b. Five envelopes addressed to soldiers [redacted]. The first envelope was postmarked 11 January 1952, stamped [redacted] and mailed from the Stalingrad Oblast. The second envelope was postmarked 21 November 1951, stamped [redacted] and mailed from the Tambov Oblast. The third envelope was postmarked 21 January 1952, the fourth envelope was postmarked 21 October 1951, and the fifth envelope was postmarked 12 January 1952. 25X1B
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c. An envelope addressed to a soldier, postmarked 21 November 1951, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and mailed from the Bryansk Oblast. 25X1B

d. A letter by a student of the PZO Factory School from Sverdlovsk, dated 6 April 1952 and mentioning that the student will have to work with the FMO another year before he will be inducted to the army. (3)

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[redacted] 5. On 23 and 24 May 1952, source learned from an innkeeper in the Burgstargard area south of Neubrandenburg; that a restricted area extending as far as the Alt-Kaebelich-Burgstargard area was located along the Neubrandenburg-Burgstargard road south of Neubrandenburg. Broad white marks placed a distance of 1.5 meters from each other and numerous tracks of motor vehicles were seen on Highway No 96 about 2,000 meters north of Krickow at a point where a field-path branched off the highway to the southeast. The same marks were seen at the intersection of the highway and a dirt road running to the Tollense Lake, 1,000 meters north of Krickow. Truck [redacted] towing a truck [redacted] was seen there. A convoy of 20 trucks [redacted] and 1 truck [redacted] drove along Highway No 96 toward Krickow from the direction of Neubrandenburg. (4)

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one engineer regiment with two or, possibly, three battalions. In World War II, almost exclusively engineer brigades existed under which independent battalions were subordinate. It is possible that these brigades were reorganized as regiments in 1947, and that the battalions retained their character. Therefore, it is possible that the former 88th Engr Brig may now belong to the Second Gds Ncz Army as 88th Engr Regt and the former 111st Pion Bridge Regt may now be subordinate to the 88th Engr Regt as 111st Pion Bridge Bn, retaining its [redacted]. However, there must still be doubts as to whether the battalion has [redacted] [redacted] or whether two battalions [redacted] are in existence at present. Fairly reliable observations in Neubrandenburg indicated only an engineer battalion is located there and as most probably having one of the two aforementioned [redacted].

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(4) The training area is located east of Tollense lake and appears to extend from the northern tip of the lake as far as Forst Row. The area is known from a command-post exercise, involving among other elements of the Third Shock Army, in February 1952. The area of the Tollense Lake, especially that along the Oberbach which, according to an unforwarded rough sketch, flows into northern tip of the lake near the Worderbruch, was used as engineer training site also by units of the Second Gds Ncz Army. [redacted] in the present report belong to the 9th Gds Tank Div, partly to the 234th Mort Regt of this division. This information confirms the report of another source according to which the regiment has been in the Neubrandenburg area for training since late April 1952. The practices were to last until mid-July 1952. [redacted]

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